America's pressure on India's missile development programme

1291. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have succumbed to the U. S. pressure to go slow on its missile development programme;

(b) whether Government have agreed to end the production of missile material;

(c) whether Government have scrapped the development of delivery system for nuclear warheads; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) India does not have nuclear warheads: therefore the question of the development of delivery syssem for such warheads does not arise.

Possesion of nuclear bombs by Pakistan

1292. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: ..

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the new revelation by the US media, suspecting Pakistan in possession of 15 nuclear boms, with capacity to produce the bomb at a short notice;

(b) if so, what are the reaction of Government with regard thereto;

(c) whether considering the nuclear threat in the sub-continent with the continuous explosion of nuclear bombs by China, and the production of nuclear bombs by Pakistan despite denial by the Pak Government, a new look at the nuclear policy is contemplated by the government; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Government is aware of Pakistan's clandestine weapons-oriented nuclear programme. Government has also been closely following the development of the Chinese nuclear arsenal, since its first nuclear test in 1994. India's nuclear programme is extensive and has been exclusively geared towards peaceful purposes. However, the security situation of India remains constantly under review, particularly in the light of developments in the neighbourhood and Government will take all necessary measures to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

US report on human rights violation in India

1293. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. administration has censured India for its poor human rights record, alleging that political killings by both Government forces and terrorists continued at a high rate in Kashmir and in North Eastern States, as per Human Rights annual report submitted to US Congress;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the said report; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government of India in regard thereto and the steps taken by Government to refute these allegations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The 1994 US State Government Annual